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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/283431-Conf. #9888
	Filing Date	April 1, 1999
	First Named Inventor	Wenquiang ZHAO
	Art Unit	1635
	Examiner Name	K. A. Lacourciere
	Attorney Docket Number	0047508.00423US2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. HYZ-423/47508.423US2)

In re Application of:)
 ZHOU *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1635
Serial No.: 09/283,431) Examiner: K.A. Lacourciere
Filed: April 1, 1999)
Title: *Mixed Backbone Oligonucleotides Containing*)
 POPS Blocks to Obtain Reduced Phosphoro-)
 Thioate Content)

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

Applicants submit the following Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 in response to the outstanding, final Office Action dated March 2, 2005. The time for responding to this action has been extended to September 2, 2005 by the accompanying Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and payment of fee. The following Amendment in reply to the outstanding final Office Action is submitted per the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (c).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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